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Title: TRACING OF SIGNALLING MESSAGES

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, please reconsider the patentability of the rejected claims based on the following arguments. Claims 1-12 are pending.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-4, 7, 8, 10 and 11 under 35 U.S.C.102(e) as being anticipated by Criss et al. (US 2006/0002340; hereafter "Criss"), rejected claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Criss in view of Sanmugam (U.S. 5,734,977), and rejected claims 6, 9 and 12 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Criss in view of Clarke et al. (U.S. 5,793,752; hereafter "Clark").

Applicant traverses the rejections because the cited prior art, analyzed individually or in combination, fail to disclose, teach or suggest all the features recited in the rejected claims. For example, the cited prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed invention including "starting tracing which comprises sending to the tracer a copy of a signalling message in response to the reception or transmission of a signalling message related to the subscriber to be traced" (claim 1), "the network element is arranged to send to the tracer a copy of signalling messages related to the subscriber in response to the trace command"(claim 7), and "means for sending to the tracer copies of the signalling messages related to the subscriber to be traced" (claim 10), "wherein the copy of the signalling message sent to the tracer is identical to the signalling message of the subscriber."

Criss merely relates to upgrading mobile device operating software. As a result, Criss fail to teach or suggest technology related to the claimed invention. More specifically, Criss fails to teach or suggest on the subject of signalling messages. As one of ordinary skill in the art